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TAGS: EFIS, BR

SUBJECT: REPORTED SEIZURE OF US SHRIMP BOAT MISS JESSIE

1. SHRIMP BOAT OWNER ERNEST DONINI INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HIS TRAWLER MISS JENNIE, UB-106, WAS BOARDED AND SEIZED BY BRAZILIAN VESSEL ANGOSTURA, V-20, MORNING OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 WHILE ANCHORED IN FRENCH GUIANA WATERS. WHEN MISS JENNIE REFUSED WEIGH ANCHOR, ANGOSTURA REPORTEDLY RAMMED TRAWLER, DAMAGING BOW AND CUTTING ANCHOR LINE. ANGOSTURA HOVE TO QUOTE RIGHT OFF CAYENNE END QUOTE WITH LARGE BOARDING PARTY ABOARD AND CUTTER ANCHORED NEARBY. TWO FRENCH HELICOPTERS HOVERED OVERHEAD.

2. DONINI CLAIMS POSITION OF SEIZURE WAS 5 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH, 50 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST AND SAYS BRAZILIANS CLAIMED IT WAS 3 DEGREES 26 MINUTES NORTH AND 50 DEGREES 18 MINUTES WEST. SUBSEQUENT RADIO REPORT FROM MISS
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JENNIE TO DONINI SAID BRAZILIANS RECOGNIZED THEY WERE IN

ERROR, RELEASED TRAWLER AND APOLOGIZED FOR MISTAKE EVEN
OFFERING PAY DAMAGES WHICH WERE MINOR.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE FORMAL US PROTEST THIS
INCIDENT NECESSARY. HOWEVER, IN FORTHCOMING CONVERSATIONS
WITH GOB CONCERNING RENEWAL OF SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT
EMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS EXAMPLE OF KIND
OF ERROR WHICH CAN BE MADE BY EITHER SIDE AND WHICH IS
TRACTABLE WITHIN AN AGREEMENT BUT COULD BE VERY DIFFICULT
TO COPE WITH SHOULD AGREEMENT BE ALLOWED TO LAPSE. KISSINGER

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